

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—October 21, 2009

The Saint Bridget Parish Council Meeting was called to order by Frank deVenoge on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Present: Frank deVenoge, David Anderson, Tom Bliley, Charlene Bechely, Kim Hulcher, Kristin Palumbo, Sean Prince John Smith, Mark Sweeney, Marie Swider, Kay White.
Absent: Msgr. Carr, Tim Corbett, Joe Jowaisas, Fr. Matthias, Billy Reid, Donna Weber.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved and will be posted to the parish website.

Committee Updates:

- Frank asked Mark Sweeney to represent Parish Council at the next Finance Council meeting.
- Parish looking into new HVAC provider.

Women's Ministries:

- Kim Hulcher said that Msgr. Carr wants to do altar flowers in house by parish volunteers.
- Also wants to formulate plan for parishioners to donate and plant perennials. Wants to start this fall. Mark Sweeney suggested that we get someone who knows which plants will be best suited to location etc., and formulate an overall plan before we start project.

Men's Ministry: Frank deVenoge

- Mike Kozak is coordinating a Lighthouse Ministries kiosk with CD's for sale. The CD's are designed to enrich us in our faith. The kiosk will be set up in the Commons.
- Men's bible study started this week and went well.
- Chris Palumbo and Frank went to Welcome Reception for new parishioners. Went well.

Social Concerns: David Anderson

- Car Detailer fund raiser is scheduled for Oct. 24.
- On-going discussion group on encyclical, Caritas In Veritate.
- BeFriender Ministry Program needs more volunteers.
- Program on managing finances from a spiritual standpoint being considered.
- Alicia Meyer reported on the St. Bridget/Blackwell School tutoring program.

This program is through the Micah Initiative which provides tutors and mentors to Richmond inter-city schools. St. Bridget parish has about 12 tutors at Blackwell. We are also working on setting up in-house television for the students.

Stewardship: Tom Bliley

- Tom Bliley and Joe Jowaisas talked on Stewardship Sunday. We will wait and see if it bears fruit
- John Smith asked about possibility of "going green" to avoid the increased tax on footprint of church and school buildings.
- Kay White asked how much of the increased offertory (\$16,000) came back to St. Bridget School. Charlene explained that it went to financial assistance to families, and it did all come back to St. Bridget families.

Communications: Kay White

- Wayne Slough did video and will put it on website. Hope to help reduce school debt.
- "On the Horizon" space in the bulletin tells of coming events.

- Mark Sweeney asked about the answering of the parish phone. It was suggested that a reference binder might help answer questions asked of phone volunteers.

Religious Programs: John Smith

- First Corinthians study group has about 12 parishioners.
- The Bible Study group, "Adventures in Acts" has 21 participants.

St. Bridget School: Charlene Bechely

- Building Update: Still working on water pressure. AC doing well. Converted over nicely.
- H1N1 vaccine will be given Oct. 28. Permission slip required.
- Open House on Nov. 11 for new students
- Prayer service on Nov. 11 at 10:00.
- Girls Night out scheduled for 11/19/2009 from 6 to 10 p.m.
- Tommy's Garden will have Advent Wreaths again this year for \$25.
- Sleeping Bag Drive netted \$2715 which will purchase 181 bags.
- Middle School Youth Rally and dance on 11/6.
- October 23 is date of first dance for middle school.

Welcome and Liturgy Committee:

- Frank assigned this committee tonight to Marie Swider.

Youth Ministry: Sean Prince

- Sean Prince is taking over Katie Skirtich's job.
- Confirmation program is different this year. St. Bridget is part of a Pilot Program from the Diocese. Confirmation is offered to age 16 or 10th graders. St. B. has 109 signed up for the program. The confirmants will spearhead the Christmas Sharing Program and also go on a retreat.
- Heart Workcamp has over 100 campers signed up for next year.
- A Search Committee will be put into place for a new Youth Minister.

Goal Setting and Strategic Planning: Msgr. Carr said to wait until next month to work on goal setting. He wants to be present at that meeting.

Kim Hulcher closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer
Recording Secretary

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the PCMR. Hope to see you there!

